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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached is a Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents.

This IDS is being filed before receiving the First Office Action on the merits; therefore, no fee is enclosed.

Should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before the Information Disclosure Statement is filed, I hereby certify that each enclosed document listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was cited in the attached European Search Report, dated July 30, 2001, issued in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months ago.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP §609 along with an early action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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